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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The air filter of Claim [[1]]21 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.

7. (Currently Amended) The air filter of Claim [[1]]21 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.

8. (Currently Amended) The air filter of Claim [[1]]21 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.

9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Currently Amended) An air induction system comprising:
  - a vehicle flow body;
  - a filter housing in communication with said vehicle flow body, ~~with air flowing through said filter housing in a first direction;~~
  - a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing, said filter support comprising a plurality of posts defining a pleated shape in an at least a partially annular form; and
  - a filter at least partially supported by said support members.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.

14. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.

15. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.

16. (Original) The air induction system of Claim 10 including a filter seal operatively connected to said filter and said pleated filter support.

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17. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an air filter comprising the steps of:

arranging a plurality of posts into pleats;

forming the pleats into at least a partially annular form; and

adhering a filter to the pleats; and

sandwiching the plurality of posts between a first sealing member and a second sealing member.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing the filter of Claim 17 wherein the plurality of support members comprise a wire mesh.

20. (Cancelled)

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21. (Currently Amended) An air filter comprising:

a filter housing comprising a first sealing member and a second sealing member;

a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing, said pleated filter support having support members, each support member spaced from an adjacent support member to at least partially form a pleated shape, said support members sandwiched between said first sealing member and said second sealing member; and

a filter at least partially supported by said support members wherein said pleated filter support at least partially forms an annular shape.